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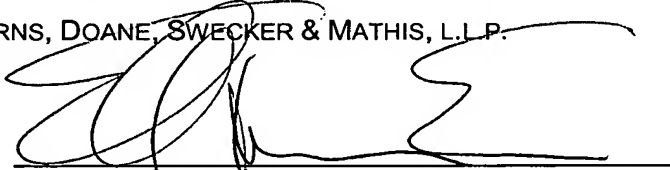
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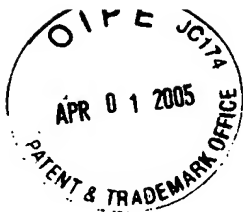
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information was cited in a corresponding Japanese Examination Report dated October 19, 2004 and is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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